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SUBJ: DISPOSITION OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

1. INVENTORY OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOUND IN FOURTH FLOOR VAULT AS FOLLOWS:

- A. 2800 RNDS .38 BALL (GOOD CONDITION)
- B. 1000 (APPROX) RNDS .22 (VERY POOR CONDITION)
- C. 500 (APPROX) RNDS .45 (VERY POOR CONDITION)
- D. 100 (APPROX) RNDS 9MM (VERY POOR CONDITION)
- F. 4000 (APPROX) RNDS .30 CARBINE (VERY POOR TO GOOD CONDITION)
- G. 80 CN TEAR GAS GRENADES
- H. 6 AN M14TH INCENDIARY GRENADES
- I. 6 37MM LONG RANGE TEAR GAS RNDS
- J. 4 THERMITE SHEETS

2. CAL .38 IS BOXED AND IN METAL AMMUNITION CONTAINERS. REMAINDER IS ALL LOOSE ROUNDS IN WOODEN FOOT LOCKER SIZE BOX WHICH WAS BANDED AND WAS SEALED. MOST ROUNDS ARE CORRODED OR RUSTED INTO MAGAZINE CLIPS. CN GRENADES ARE IN ORIGINAL CARDBOARD TUBES PACKED IN METAL CONTAINERS OF 16 EACH. INCINDERARY GRENADES AND 37MM ROUNDS ARE IN CARDBOARD CONTAINERS. TWO OF THE FOUR THERMITE SHEETS ARE IN THE ORIGINAL CARDBOARD BOXES.

3. SCHEDULED DEMOLITION OF FOURTH FLOOR VAULT STARTING WEEK OF
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SEPT 19 REQUIRES THAT ALL ITEMS BE RELOCATED. THIS WILL BE DONE WITH EXTREME CAUTION BY RSO NESS.

4. POST WISHES TO DISPOSE OF ALL EXCEPT .38 CAL AMMUNITION IN SAFEST AND MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER POSSIBLE BUT LACKS TECHNICAL EXPERTISE REQUIRED. IN PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS, SUGGEST DEPT CONSIDER AUTHORIZING POST TO APPROACH CUBAN AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR

EOD ASSISTANCE IN DESTRUCTION OF THOSE ITEMS WHICH CAN NOT BE
SAFELY RETAINED OR RETURNED TO US. WE BELIEVE APPROACH CAN BE MADE
OPENLY FOR ASSISTANCE TO DESTROY POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS MATERIALS
WHICH WERE LOCATED UPON REOCCUPANCY OF BUILDING. IF ALL OR ANY
PART OF THE ITEMS CAN BE SAFELY RETURNED TO THE US, PROVIDE
EXPLICIT PACKING, MARKING, AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS.
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